



Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group

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STILL WAITING FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SAFAA'S APPLICATION

The new school year has started and Safaa and her children are still waiting in Lebanon for Canada's final approval of their immigration application. It has been more than two years since we submitted the sponsorship application. The process of clearing refugees through the various health and security checks has taken longer than any of us anticipated. However, thanks to information from Elizabeth May's office, we know her application is moving through the queue. We remain hopeful.



Most Thursdays someone from the SPRIG Steering Committee speaks to Safaa on line via Skype. Lately we have also had the opportunity to speak with her eldest daughter whose English is good. When asked, "Who is your teacher?" she replied, "YouTube and my mother."

FEMALE SUPERHEROES

In the midst of her challenging circumstances, Safaa's eldest daughter expresses her hopes and dreams by drawing or molding female superheroes. Ah, but she and her mother are the superheroes!

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED FOR LOCAL SPONSORSHIP GROUP'S NEW ARRIVALS

Tricia Kearns, a member of another sponsorship group, asked us to publish their list of needs for the Syrian family they have been told will arrive from Turkey in the next few weeks.

The following items are needed:

- Bed for the parents
- Linens (sheets, blankets, towels, pillows)
- Stroller (if possible to hold a 1 year old and a 3 year old)
- Gift cards of \$10 to \$20 for Dollarama, Walmart, or Costco for the family to buy personal items.

If you can help, please email Tricia at asktricia4help@aim.com.

Note: SPRIG is **NOT** receiving donations of household items for Safaa until her arrival is certain.

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